

LAST January, A. J. White bought out the fancy-goods business of G. R. Clark at Simcoe, giving only his notes in payment. The absconding of the former leaves Mr. Clark and other creditors in the lurch.

THE amalgamation of two of the leading wholesale grocery houses in Hamilton, Messrs. Alex Harvey & Co. with Jno. Stuart, Son & Co. (limited), results in a new firm, which will hereafter be known as Stuart, Harvey & Co.

DURING the past season, says a Halifax exchange, the Furness Line has carried from that port to London 86,700 barrels of apples. There were also two shipments from Annapolis, of about 9,000 barrels each.

"THERE is not a gallon of molasses in hand here, and there are only 200 puncheons in dealers' hands. I never saw the like in all my experience of 29 years." So says a letter received in Montreal from New York.

HIRAM WALKER & SONS, of Walkerville, bought the fine lake shore farm and house, near Kingsville, of Mr. Ezra Malott, for \$10,000. Also Mr. Alf. Scratch's farm for \$10,000. It is said that they intend starting a large brick industry.

A GUELPH paper states that Messrs. Crawford, of Toronto, and John Scott, of Galt, have purchased from Messrs. Walker, of Walkerville, 2,800 of their fat cattle, which it is intended to ship to English markets as opportunity offers. The purchase must embrace a sum well approaching \$200,000.

THE Lords of the British Admiralty are making arrangements to test the quality of coal obtained near Banff, in the Rocky Mountains. The suggestion is made that it should be used for the Pacific Squadron in place of the Welsh coal hitherto used.

MESSRS. GIBBON, LEVERATT & Co. sold the stock of William Malpas, of Little Current, to John Lynch at sixty cents on the dollar. The latter gentleman resold it to J. K. Irving at the same rate, who has now opened up at that place. Under instructions from the inspectors the same firm has also sold the estate of John Gray, of Kagawony, to J. W. Lang.

THE value of the fish caught in the Bay of Quinte last year was stated by the fishermen to the overseers at \$60,000. The *Intelligencer*, however, thinks that as fishermen always understate the value of their catch, owing to a fear that if its full value were known their license fees would be increased, it is safe to assume that the correct amount was not much short of \$100,000.

THE *Commercial* says that the board of trade organized at Rat Portage is to be known as the Board of Trade of Rainy River. The first election of officers resulted as follows:—Richard Hall, president; Charles Chadwick, vice-president; J. A. McCrossan, secretary; Jacob Hose, treasurer; and council composed of Messrs. Matheson, Newell, Mather, Monk, and Ross. The board starts out with a membership of 54.

OVER 70 persons were present at the last meeting of the Winnipeg Grocers' Association. That body is following up the movement of endeavoring to restrict wholesale dealers from selling to others than persons regularly in the trade. A committee was appointed to wait on wholesale fruit dealers, commission dealers, pork packers, etc., with the object of restricting the sale of goods by such dealers, to parties out of the regular retail trade.

HEAVY losses in business have compelled the wholesale jewellery firm of E. J. Thomson & Co., Hamilton, to suspend payment. They owe about \$9,000 and are now preparing a statement for creditors.—M. D. Nelligan, a wagon maker in the same city, has assigned; so have Thompson Bros., dealers in coal and wood in London.—The financial embarrassment of Hackett & Hackett, of Cornwall, has involved Jno. Hackett, dealer in dry goods at Peterboro, and he is endeavoring to effect a compromise.

P. W. BELL & Co., who transact a large general store trade at Collingwood have failed, with liabilities which will foot up a tidy sum. Mr. Clarkson is preparing a statement.—Ten or twelve years ago Jno. Logan, a Seaforth grocer, was reputed to be worth about \$30,000, but in an evil hour he was tempted to augment his fortune by speculating in Chicago. Since then it has been a struggle to make ends meet and now he has assigned.—F. M. Short, a shoe dealer in Sarnia, writes his creditors that he cannot meet maturing liabilities.

EXPORTS of forest products from Ottawa to the United States for the quarter ending March 31 are as follows:—

	Quantity.	Value.
Lumber, feet.....	26,326,855	\$382,521 67
Laths, pieces.....	6,747,450	7,638 71
Hemlock bark, cords..	994	5,020 00
Railway ties, pieces...	9,575	1,932 80
Shingles.....	562,500	1,033 20
Box shooks.....		56,785 11
Poles hop & posts, pcs.	77,805	406 60
Doors and mouldings..		822 00
Pickets, pieces.....	373,949	2,293 13
Total value of exports		\$463,753 22

MR. LEO BRIGEL, a well-known manufacturer of Cincinnati, insured with an accident company on the first of last June. For some reason he dropped his insurance very soon, paying no assessments. Then came an unfortunate accident last month, at Dayton, resulting in the loss of his right hand. Had Mr. Brigel kept his insurance in force, it would have cost him \$11 in each division, or \$22 in all, but then he would have been entitled to \$2,500 in each division or \$5,000 in all. As the *Times-Star* says: How he must grind his teeth as he thinks of both the hand and money gone!

FROM the following figures taken from the Chatham, N. B., *World*, it will be seen how important an industry the winter fishing of the Miramichi is. From Dec. 1, 1888, to April 1, 1889, there were sent from Chatham 125 carloads of smelts, containing 2,500,000 lbs. gross or 2,000,000 lbs. net. The shippers paid the fishermen for these fish \$60,000. Also 81 carloads or 5,425 bbls. of tomcods, valued at \$5,425, and 20 carloads or 2,000 bbls. of oysters, worth \$3,000, were sent on board the cars. Total value, \$68,425. About 700 smelt nets, 100 oyster rakes, and 1,000 men and boys in all were employed. The bass and other fish taken above Chatham, and shipped from Newcastle, are not included.

OUR remarks on the questionable aspect of the business of G. H. Landon & Son, of Coe Hill, last year, aroused the ire of these persons and some of their friends. A proof of the real character of the concern is furnished in the statement of its affairs signed by the sheriff of Hastings County, and passed by the county judge on 30th March last. Liabilities being \$3,435, there is available for distribution \$63.11 (sixty three dollars and eleven cents). The assets consisted of stock and book debts \$808.23, sold at 45 cents in the dollar, realizing the sum of \$390.70. Preferred claims and expenses absorbed \$327.59, the assignee getting only \$19.50, and the solicitors charging only \$55.33. There were 27 creditors, mostly Toronto houses. A man to whom the firm owed \$310.41 thus receives \$5 68.

ACCORDING to the *Philadelphia Record*, three leading produce dealers of that city have lost this year about \$50,000 through speculation in eggs. The loss was partially due to the mild winter, which resulted in a big egg product, but an important factor was the development of an extensive territory of supply. It costs only one cent a dozen to transport eggs from Chicago to Philadelphia, and about 2½ cents per dozen

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